

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA- 963**

**Red Dog Lodge**

**5100 Deer Park Road**

**Harrisonville, Baltimore County**

**1912**

**Public**

Red Dog Lodge was constructed in 1912 by Frederick A. Dolfield and Watson E. Sherwood for use as a hunting lodge in the middle of Soldier's Delight, a tract of land traversed in the late 19th century by forests and farms. The building is representative of a late 19th and early 20th trend toward rustic architecture that began with large country homes of the wealthy and was later espoused by government agencies during Roosevelt's New Deal as a fast and easy method of construction. Red Dog Lodge, a small, one-story building of stone construction falls between these two extremes. In 1906, the two men had acquired 625 acres of land in the Soldier's delight area. In 1877, the land on which the lodge is located included farms occupied by the Tyson, Green, Baker, and Gowan families. Immediately across Deer Park Road were Chrome Mines. By 1915, the area had retained its rural character. The environment surrounding Red Dog Lodge was preserved upon the State of Maryland's purchase of these lands in the early 1970s. In 1975, the lodge was restored by the park system.

Red Dog Lodge is a one-story hunting lodge of solid random rubble stone construction. The building features a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles with wood shingle cladding in the gable peaks. The three-bay-wide lodge fronts west, and an exterior chimney of reconstructed stretcher bond brick on a random rubble stone foundation bisects the north elevation. The façade, or west elevation, is centrally pierced by a board-and-batten single-leaf wood door flanked by two window openings that are concealed by closed board-and-batten double-leaf wood shutters. All façade openings have square-edged wood surrounds and lintels. The building is sited in the middle of Soldiers Delight State Park and is surrounded by woods.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA- 963

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Red Dog Lodge

other

### 2. Location

street and number 5100 Deer Park Road not for publication

city, town Harrisonville vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maryland Department of Forests and Parks

street and number 580 Taylor Avenue telephone Not Available

city, town Annapolis state MD zip code 21401

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 5225 folio 427

city, town Towson tax map 66 tax parcel 337 tax ID number 0208652430

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Specific dates** 1912 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1912-1971

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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<sup>1</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory; see also *Atlas of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

<sup>2</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

<sup>3</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

<sup>4</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

<sup>5</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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*Map of Baltimore County.* Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.  
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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre  
Acreage of historical setting 625 Acres  
Quadrangle name Reisterstown Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1912, Red Dog Lodge has been associated with the 413.21 acres of land known as tax parcel 337 of map 66 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

## 11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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USGS Quad Map: Reisterstown

BA-2170  
School 10 District 2  
11330 Liberty Road  
Owings Mills, Baltimore County  
USGS Quad Map: Reisterstown

(SYKESVILLE)  
5662 IV SW

Mapped by the Army Map Service  
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Topography from aerial photographs by stereophotogrammetric methods. Aerial photographs taken 1943. Field check 1944  
Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1953

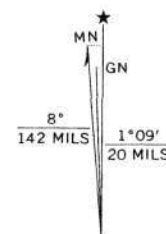
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system

Unchecked elevations are shown in brown

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 18, shown in blue

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from  
aerial photographs taken 1966 and 1974. This information not field checked

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



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DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET





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**RED DOG LODGE** - 1912 - 0.3 mile west of Deer Park Road. Frederick A. Dolfeld and Watson E. Sherwood built a spacious stone hunting lodge on a 625-acre area of Soldiers Delight barrens which they had acquired in 1906. The building, now part of Soldiers Delight State Park, was restored and formally dedicated in 1975.

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Red Dog Hunting Lodge  
(Soldier's Delight S.P. - DNR Survey)

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